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R 121521Z AUG 82
FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 4890
INFO RUEHLD/AMEMBASSY LONDON 7557
RUQMQG/AMEMBASSY NICOSIA 0942
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CHRGE: PROG 38/12/82 APPRV: ADM:JRYODZIS DRFTD: ADM:JRYODZIS

MECKES

CLEAR: NONE

DISTR: CHARGE A/DCM ADM

PER FBIS FILES

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E.O. 12356:N/A
TAGS:APER, AFSP
SUBJECT: FAAS FOR FEIS TSN PERSONNEL

REF:STATE 208079

FOR EUR/EX AND PER/FSN

1. FBIS RECEIVES VERY LIMITED SERVICES FROM THE EMBASSY PERSONNEL OFFICE EXCEPT FOR TELEGRAPHIC SUBMISSION OF BIWEEKLY PAYROLLING AND USE OF THE MISSION COMPENSATION PLAN. THE CHIEF OF FBIS HAS WORMED OUT POSITION LEVELS FOR THE AGENCY'S CLERICAL/OFFICE PERSONNEL USING THE STANDARDIZED POSITION DESCRIPTIONS. FBIS PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEVELS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT DETERMINED THROUGH THE USE OF THE STANDARDIZED DESCRIPTIONS, ALTHOUGH THE CHIEF OF FBIS HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY PERSONNEL OFFICER THAT HE WOULD GLADLY DO SO IF ACCURATE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS WERE DEVELOPED FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

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- 3. THERE ARE NO COSTS PAFFECTED BY 1.2. SERVICES ON FACTOR B ON SCHEDULE 6. HOWEVER, THE CHANGE IN FAAS 5 BOTTOM LINE PERCENTAGE FROM 5.5 PCT. TO 5 PCT. DECREASES THE INDIRECT COST BY \$246.00. SINCE THE AMOUNT IS SO SMALL, THE FAAS 5 BOTTOM LINE PERCENTAGE IS NOT EFFECTED AND REMINS AT 0.8 PCT.
- 4. WE HAVE USED MAY/JUNE 1982 FAAS SUBMISSION FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION.
- 5. FBIS WITHRAWAL FROM THE INTERAGENCY FSN POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM HAS HAD NO EFFECT WHATEVER ON THE MORALE OFOTHER FSN'S IN VIENNA. INDEED, BECAUSE OF ITS PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THE CITY, DISTANT FROM OTHER USG OFFICES, AND THE UNIQUE NATURE OF ITS WORA THAT HARELY IMPINGES ON THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF THE EMBASSY ITSELF, FEW FSN'SARE EVEN AWARE OF THE FACT THAT FBIS NO LONGER OFFICIALLY ADHERES TO THE STANDARDS OFTHE INTERAGENCY SYSTEM. THOSE THAT ARE, HEADILY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MONITORING JOBS HELD BY THE HIGHER PAID EMPLOYEES OF FBIS ARE SIMPLY NOT APPROPRIATE TO THE GRANDARDS AS THEY PRESENTLY EXIST. AS STATED ABOVE, OTHER EMPLOYEES OF FBIS.

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INCLUDING ALL OF ITS CLERICAL/OFFICE STAFF, ARE BEING GRADED ACCORDING TO THE INTERAGENCY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, AND ARE BEING PAID THE SAME SALARY AS OTHER FSN'S DOING SIMILAR WORK. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR FBIS'S PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, WITH THE AIM OF BRINGING THE AGENCY BACK "INTO THE FOLD", BUT IS INTENDED TO EMPHASISE THAT THE FBIS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SYSTEM POSES — AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT — NO EMPLOYEE/MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS FOR THE POST NOR HAS IT HAD ANY DISCERNIBLE EFFECT ON EMBASSY WIDE FSN MORALE. POLANSEY

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